

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.

Sinclair, like the rest of the media, is showing "selective accountability". Clearly, no one or thing stood in the way of other media "opting" to NOT show anything negative towards W or, in particular, Reagan. It is not the job of the media to selectively decide who should be "put down" for the sake of raising someone else up. W's record, or lack of, speaks volumes. If you, the FCC, are fair, you will stop the media's role in "selecting accountability", unless, of course, you, too, are sitting in one of the pockets of the President and his party.